

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] at page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a cutting device for cutting trenches in the ground ~~in accordance with the preamble of claim 1~~. Such a cutting device has at least one cutting wheel which can be driven in rotary manner and at least one first cutting element located on the cutting wheel for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction.

Please replace paragraph [0004] on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] According to the invention this object is achieved by a cutting device ~~according to the preamble provided with the features of the characterizing part of claim 1~~ for cutting trenches in the ground, having at least one cutting wheel drivable in rotary manner and at least one first cutting element, located on the cutting wheel, for removing soil material during a rotation of the cutting wheel in a first rotation direction. Such a cutting device is characterized in that on the cutting wheel is provided at least one second cutting element for removing soil material in an oppositely directed, second rotation direction, that at least one of the cutting elements is displaceably mounted between a first position for removing soil material and

a retracted second position and that a control device is provided for displacing the cutting element between the first and second positions.